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Three Million Dollar Suit

One of the largest judgements ever granted in this section of the state was that of Friday in Fredonia when Judge Finley gave to Axel E. Johnson \$45,108.47, the defendant being the Kansas Natural Gas Co. The amount asked for was \$3,000,000. The case was hotly contested and eight days were consumed in getting the evidence before the court.

Axel Johnson left his home in Wilson county near Vilas at the age of 15 years, to see the world. He went to the state of Montana where he became a sheep shearer and later held the world's record for four years. For years he was prompt in writing to the folks at home but finally without any cause ceased writing. Later his father died. Nothing was heard of him for seven or eight years and he was supposed to be dead.

His mother and the other children leased the homestead to the Gas company on a proposition whereby the company was to pay \$600 a year for not to exceed four gas wells and \$1200 per year for more than four, and not exceeding 8 wells. Some of the largest gas wells in Kansas were found on this farm. The company did not secure Axel's signature to the lease as his whereabouts were unknown. In 1910 he wrote home asking about his mother and the other members of the family. He then learned of the big value, in gas that the Kansas Natural Gas Co. had secured several hundred thousand dollars from the farm. He at once consulted T. J. O'Donnell of Denver, Colo., who is one of the most able lawyers in the United States. After being advised that he could recover from the gas company the value of his 1-12 interest in the gas sold from the farm and that the company could not cause his mother any trouble, he sent his attorney to Pittsburg, Pa., to make written demand on the company for a settlement of his share of the gas, but the company refused to allow him any thing at all so he immediately filed suit in the district court of Wilson county. The law firm of Smith & Brobst was employed to help prosecute the case.

The Kansas Natural Gas Co. tried to switch the liability onto the widow, mother of plaintiff and plaintiff's sisters, and Mr. James Kennedy of Fredonia was employed to represent their interests.

The Plaintiff's mother is Mrs. Selma A. Johnson who lives in Chanute, his four sisters are Mrs. Mildred Davis, living in Manitou, Colo., Mrs. Selma Keifer whose husband is Station agent at Waverly Kansas; Mrs. Esther Rowley, wife of Clark A. Rowley, a Santa Fe conductor who lives in Chanute Kansas; and Mrs. H. E. Anderson, now of Las Vegas, New Mexico.

SOME FIRST THINGS

J. W. Newton who has 9 acres in garden on East Main street Sat. morning placed his first roasting ears, tomatoes and celery of the season, on the local markets. He is especially well pleased with the celery, not only because it is exceptionally well formed and luxuriant but because he believes that it is the first ever grown in Chanute or vicinity for the market. The produce brought good prices on the local markets.

UNION SERVICES

The union evening services of several of the churches of the city will commence Sunday evening July 21 at the Central Park auditorium. The first sermon will be by Rev. Wilson of the Presbyterian church and the second by Rev. Fourier of the Grace Episcopal.

DEATH OF FRANCIS M. GREEN

Francis M. Green died at the home of his daughter Mrs. J. F. Shinn, 801 S. Santa Fe avenue, Friday evening at 5:40. Mr. Green was a soldier in the Civil war and was enlisted in the 68th Illinois Infantry.

He was born in Kentucky in 1836, and was married to Sarah E. Gardner in Springfield, Illinois in 1861. To them were born three children, two of whom are living, Elmer, the son, lives in Coyle, Okla., and Fannie, the wife of Jesse F. Shinn in this city.

The third child, Edward, was drowned in Oklahoma last August, and Mrs. Green died here at the home of their daughter about six years ago.

Funeral services were held at the residence Sunday afternoon at three o'clock, and interment made in Elmwood.

RACED AT IOLA

J. F. Jersey, who did not succeed in getting to race against a motorcycle on the Fourth in Chanute took his Hudson runabout to Iola to race Dr. Mitchell and his Hudson. The Iola man backed down so another race was made up, the Hudson against a Ford. The Ford won and the purse of \$35 was divided equally between the two cars. They averaged 44 miles for the race.

The motorcycle time here for single cylinder was 33.64 miles per hour and for the double cylinder 41.86, so that Mr. Jersey still feels that his Hudson could have outrun any of the motor cycles. The race track at Chanute is not large enough to permit of auto racing on account of the sharp turns, and for that reason it was thought best not to have the Hudson race a motor cycle.

The Way of the World

Broken in health, timid and growing old, Mrs. Jerry Simpson, the widow of the once redoubtable Congressman from the Big Seventh district, arrived in Chanute Sat. morning to canvass the town for the sale of a book—her husband's life. The book is her sole support in her declining years and sometimes—it does not sell well. Fate has been rather unkind to Mrs. Simpson and to battle with the world is not her sphere. Sorrowfully she sits at her temporary home at the Manhattan talking of happier days.

DROVE TO KANSAS CITY

J. E. Pierson, Halbert Unruh, Phil Hawkins, Eugene Conklin and William Gray drove to Kansas City Saturday night in a car. Hawkins wished to stop at Olathe to see his parents and the report is they went through Olathe so fast that they didn't realize where they were. Mr. Pierson went to Kansas City with the intention of buying a new car. He is still there but the rest of the party returned on the Santa Fe this morning.

MOTORED TO JOPLIN.

Eugene Conklin, Snyder Corbett, Harley Harrington, W. C. Sears and Harley Moore motored to Joplin the Fourth in the Moore Everett Six. The roads in that part of the country are not the best in the world, but only one accident occurred on the trip. A bad bump in the road caused a spring to snap, otherwise they had no motor trouble in their run of two hundred and fifty miles.

WYATT-PROVENCE

Miss Carrie Wyatt was united in marriage to Roscoe Provence of Carlisle, Kansas at 10:30 o'clock Sat. morning at the home of the bride's mother on North Grant, W. M. Berkeley, pastor of the Christian church officiating. The young couple will reside in Carlisle after a short visit in Mound Valley.

Winners of Races and Contests

In the free for all pace Symbol Patch, belonging to Mr. Purdy won 2 out of 3 heats, best time 2:23. Black Diamond second place, Symbol third, Headlight fourth.

Only three out of the five trotting races were run as Carnival Queen took the first three fastest half mile being 1:10 3-4. Ashland Castle, second place; Grama third and Red Downs fourth.

In the two motor cycle races, the single cylinder was won by Harold Williams on an Indian, with Lou Goll a close second. The five miles were done in 8:55 1/2.

In the double cylinder race Don Meekert took first place and Ira Hubler second. The five miles were done in 7:10.

In the Boys Bicycle race, Floyd Johnson and Fred Jackson won the case of pop given by the Chanute Bottling Works and the baseball pants by Theatre Pharmacy.

Boys foot race, 50 yard dash, 1st prize, Bottling Works case of pop, and prize case of pop, L. McCurtis.

Oldest man, John Black, prize, Gray-Terrill Lumber Co., Roll of Roofing paper.

Baldheaded contest had so many people trying for the honor that it was decided to divy up among I. E. Jackson, W. F. Sams, T. R. Evans and Jesse Ward.

In the shoe race in which the boys had to put on and lace up their shoes, Vaughn Leighty won first prize of \$1 and Fred Aubertine second prize a knife given by J. F. Jersey.

Grant Spears will receive the shirt offered by Garvin & Massey for the man who wears the biggest collar. Miss Hazel Mills is to receive the bottle of Rexall Vegetable Compound to prettiest girl over eighteen which is given by The Brown Pharmacy.

The fattest man is E. A. Jones so The Brown Pharmacy will give him a \$5 bottle of Rexall Fruit Laxative. Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Traxel's little girl Carol received the decision of the judges as being the prettiest baby under two years of age. W. C. Tomlinson will frame a picture for them.

Charles Waverley was the shortest man in the grand stand yesterday and receives a Chanute band. It was, and by the time I heard the third piece I had raised my subscription 100 per cent or to \$100 and the boys can count on me for that amount every Fourth of July as long as Thurlow Lieurance leads the band.

QUARTERLY REPORT

The following is the City Treasurer's quarterly report:

General	\$9,027.55
Gas	14,423.40
Electric Light	1,597.89
Cemetery	852.71
Special	16,315.95
Miscellaneous	717.79
Park	2,298.93
Firemen	2,421.28
Meter	1,167.70
Library	387.36
Sinking	105.64
Total	\$49,319.20

Water Overdraft \$6,303.82
Net Bank Balance \$43,015.38
Total \$49,319.20

INSECT BITE COSTS LEG

A Boston man lost his leg from the bite of an insect two years before. To avert such calamities from stings and bites of insects use Bucklen's Arnica Salve promptly to kill the poison and prevent inflammation, swelling and pain. Heals burns, boils, ulcers, piles, eczema, cuts, bruises. Only 25c at All Druggists.

Less Gas Being Lost Now

Gas purchased by city in March, April and May and paid for in April, May and June 236,464.553 cubic feet.

Gas sold in April, May and June, 120,084,000, gas used by public utilities 30,325,000, gas unaccounted for 86,055,553.

This unaccounted for gas is tremendous and the commissioners have been making strenuous efforts to discover where the loss occurs. On the Southwest Gas line alone, the loss in April was 25,057,000 cubic feet. In May that was cut to 19,676,000 cubic feet and in June to 4,370,000 cubic feet. In the low pressure lines from 12 3/8 ounces to 8 ounces, thus reducing the possibility of leakage. We expect our efforts to show results in next quarterly statement.

We would remind the citizens that this system belongs to every citizen equally and if anyone knows of a leak or any person who is getting gas without paying for it, it is his duty to inform the city clerk immediately.—Signed by John W. Lapham, Mayor.

CHANUTE HORSES AT COUNCIL GROVE

Kewanee Queen, Mayor Roe and Accountant are the Chanute horses entered for the races at Council Grove.

These three have been at Abilene and there Kewanee Queen a pacer won first place.

The fastest mile was 2:14. Mayor Roe was first in a 2:15 pace and Accountant took second money in a 2:20 trot. The slow time of these races was on account of the poor condition of the track from the recent rains.

These horses are now at Council Grove and Kewanee Queen and Accountant will be entered for Thursday and Mayor Roe Friday.

\$100 DONATION TO THE BAND

The committee in charge of the finances of the band Friday morning received a check from Harry Scott for \$100 which will certainly be a great help to the band.

In his letter Mr. Scott says: "When I drove up to Central Park Thursday day morning and heard the band play I said I would give them \$50 if it was a Chanute band. It was, and by the time I heard the third piece I had raised my subscription 100 per cent or to \$100 and the boys can count on me for that amount every Fourth of July as long as Thurlow Lieurance leads the band."

DEATH OF HENRY HUFFMAN

Henry Huffman who lives at 715 South Grant died Tues. morning at 7:15.

Mr. Huffman was more than 87 years old and is survived by six children. Mrs. Huffman died about eight weeks ago. The three daughters are Mrs. Mary Broliier of Chanute, Mrs. Alice Mezlers of Wilston, Dakota, and Miss Laura Beck of New Albany. The three sons are Charles and Harry Huffman of Chanute and William Huffman of Fredonia.

DEATH OF MRS. SNOW

Word was received here last Tuesday of the death of Mrs. Amanda J. Snow, wife of P. N. Snow of Spokane, Washington.

Mrs. Snow was operated on for appendicitis and died in a few hours. Mr. and Mrs. Snow made their home in Chanute until two years ago, when they left for Spokane. Mr. Snow is a Woodman and Mrs. Snow was a member of the Auxiliary to the W. O. W.

Funeral services will be held and interment made in Spokane.

FUNERAL OF MRS. JOHN BENSON

Mrs. John Benson died at her home 1010 N. Grant Friday morning of paralysis. Mrs. Benson was born July 15, 1837, being seventy-four years, eleven months and twenty days old at the time of her death.

Mrs. Benson is survived by her husband and four children, three daughters and one son. The daughters are Mrs. Elmer Woodward N. Santa Fe, Mrs. Jacob Muench of Mariasville, Man., and Mrs. Dorothy Lowey of Ann Arbor, Mich. The son M. J. Benson lives west of Humboldt.

Funeral services were held from the Swedish Baptist church Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock by Rev. G. Blom of the Swedish Baptist church here and Rev. Hanson of the Lutheran church in Vilas. Interment was made in Elmwood cemetery.

AN ENVIABLE RECORD

The Supreme court last Saturday handed down four decisions sustaining the rulings of James W. Finley, Judge of the Neosho-Wilson county court.

Dickey vs Coffeyville Brick and Tile Co. Judgment sustained but reduced from \$4,000 to \$3,200.

Andrew Westline vs. The Santa Fe railroad. Judgment for \$8,000 affirmed.

Clyde Day vs. Kansas City Pipe Line Co. Affirmed. Case has been in court 4 years.

Chanute Window Glass Co. vs. Col. W. A. Pierce. Judgment for \$2,000 affirmed.

HARVEST HANDS NOT PLENTIFUL

Chief of Police Grady received a notice Sat. morning from E. E. Frizel Mayor of Larned, that Larned was very short on harvest hands and were still in need of three thousand more. They are paying \$2.50 and \$3 per day. Harvest began sometime ago and it seems that they have never had a sufficient number of harvest hands in the country around Larned.

SHORT CIRCUITS

The Pea Ridge Pulse is responsible for the following: "A certain young woman of the town who is out from under the control of her parents has made all necessary arrangements to elope with a colored man. Later—it should be added that the girl is also colored."

This is a busy world. The Film Johnson light, the nominating conventions and then will come the election which will hardly be out of the road before corn husking begins.

Woodrow Wilson was in the bathtub when notified of his nomination. This ought to substantiate the statements of his admirers that he is a clean man.

MAIL CARRIERS WILL FLY

This is an age of great discoveries. Progress rides on the air. Soon we may see Uncle Sam's mail carriers flying in all directions transporting mail. People take a wonderful interest in a discovery that benefits them. That's why Dr. King's New Discovery for Coughs, Colds and other throat and lung diseases is the most popular medicine in America. "It cured me of a dreadful cough," writes Mrs. J. F. Davis, Stickney Corner, Me., "after doctor's treatment and other remedies had failed." For coughs, colds or any bronchial affection its unequalled. Price 50c and \$1. Trial bottle free at All Druggists.

Mrs. N. B. Fannings returned to Chanute Monday after a weeks visit in Altoona with relatives. She was accompanied home by her mother, Mrs. T. J. Parker.

Leslie Brickler of Kiowa, Kansas is spending a few days at Chanute visiting his parents. Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Brickler. Leslie has been working in the Kiowa State Bank for a little more than three years.

Statement of Our City Affairs

The following is the quarterly statement of the money received and paid out between April 1 and July 1, 1912. It is to be noted that considerably over 1/4 of the disbursements were for liabilities created in March 1912 before the commissioners were elected.

RECEIPTS

Municipal Ownership

Gas sold, meter deposits, miscellaneous, total \$15,869.93. Credits for which no money was received, electric light plant, water works plant, street lights, library, gas pumping station etc total \$2126. Water sold, meter Dep. street sprinkling and miscellaneous, total \$4,024.79. Credits for which no money was received sewerage \$1080, Y. M. C. A. library, fire hydrants, total \$3125. Total electric light sold, meter deposits and miscellaneous, \$2295.96. Credits for which no money is received street arcs white way, library, city hall etc \$1689. Cemetery receipts from lots and burial permits total \$426.50.

Total of municipal ownership receipts \$25617.18. Total general from licenses, dog taxes, rent, road tax, crushed rock and health department, \$1227.06. Total park fund including bank, interest and premium Four County Fair, rent for stalls is \$25914.12. Total of special fund including West Chestnut, S. Forest, West Elm paving and S. Lafayette, South Ashby and West First macadam, North Lincoln and West First paving is \$6156.02.

Miscellaneous receipts from Main sewer No 3, and registered warrants make a total of \$3792.98. Total receipts for the quarter ending July 1 1912 are \$62707.36.

DISBURSEMENTS

Municipal Ownership

Gas improvement including material and supplies, machinery and lumber \$396.20. Water operation, salary, sundries, freight insurance, meter refunds, office expense and drilling wells \$2631.13. Water improvement, supplies and repair \$1637.70. Cemetery, salary and labor \$436.45. Total municipal Ownership disbursements \$35,821.88. General disbursements including engineering, salaries supplies, sundries, legal and office expense total \$5173.82. Park disbursements including purchase improvements and labor \$2374.49. Special Disbursements for Forest, West Elm, South Lafayette, South Ashby and West Elm paving and macadam \$832.52. Miscellaneous disbursements for main sewer \$5804.99. Total disbursements \$76089.86 for the quarter ending July 1.

A TRUE HOUND DAWG STORY

The Hound Dawg's popularity must be on the wane now, for it is being badly treated in Chanute at least. Last evening one of the real hound dawg variety of canines came up the street at the rate of a mile a minute, or less. He was not alone however, but was trying to get away from his companion as well as he knew how. Some unfeeling person had tied a large tin can to his tail and the way the dog was straining it up Main would have done credit to any high power automobile. The race between dog and can occurred about 7:45, just when the street was filled with church goers, and the dog attempted to turn at Highland but could not make it, just sufficiently to strike the sidewalk, and he stopped not a bit for persons on the walk. A train on the Santa Fe checked him, and he took the tracks to the north to be seen no more.

Mrs. W. M. Gaines of Collinsville returned home Monday after a months visit with her mother, Mrs. J. F. Winders. Mrs. Tom Gaines, also of Collinsville visited with Mrs. Winders between trains Monday on her way home from Kansas City.